

a controller, coupled to the label reader, the communication unit and the operation unit, arranged to (1) receive information from the label reader, (2) send a request to the first information interface and/or one or more other information interfaces through the communication unit, (3) receive a response from one or more information interfaces, and (4) adjust the operation parameters of the operation unit in accordance with the response,

wherein the request and the response are formatted as documents capable of being exchanged in a distributed, decentralized environment.

9. (Twice amended) An apparatus comprising:

a memory; and

a processor coupled to the memory and operative to read information from a tag, communicate with a first information interface having an index and/or one or more other information interfaces, receive a response from the one or more information interfaces, and adjust one or more operational parameters of an operation unit in accordance with the response,

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NEWLY ADDED CLAIMS

20. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the index